

IN RECOGNITION OF RUTGERS
UNIVERSITY'S 250TH ANNIVER-
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HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 250th anniversary of one of the greatest academic institutions in New Jersey, the United States and the world.

Since 1766, Rutgers University has forged young minds and prepared our nation's workforce. Students at Rutgers get exposure to the full range of academic disciplines and the kind of trailblazing research that can only be found at the world's top research institutions. Reflecting the assets of the great state of New Jersey, the Rutgers student body is also one of the most diverse in the nation.

Throughout the years, I've enjoyed the privilege of representing the Rutgers community. During my time in Congress, whatever issue comes across my plate, I've always had the nation's experts in every field within arm's reach.

That's especially true in recent years, following the merger with University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and the designation of the Cancer Institute of New Jersey as a National Cancer Institute.

It is Rutgers' tremendous history of academic achievement and national leadership that led President Obama to accept the University's invitation to speak at its 250th commencement this coming Sunday. I was proud to lead two Congressional letters urging the President to accept Rutgers' invitation.

I commend Rutgers for its 250 years of contributions to our country, and I'm excited about Rutgers' future and its accomplishments yet to come.

FOSHAY LEARNING CENTER FIRST
ROBOTICS TEAM 597 ENDS A
YEAR AS WORLD CHAMPION

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to welcome home the Foshay Learning Center FIRST Robotics Team 597, the Wolverines, who have closed out their year as reigning champions at the competition that ended on April 30, 2016.

One year ago, Team 597, coming from an inner-city Los Angeles school in my district, beat out 18,000 students with 900 robots from 40 countries to win the Chairman's Award, the highest honor given at the 2015 FRC World Championships in St. Louis, Missouri. The award recognizes the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate, and best embodies the purpose and goals of FIRST, including the promotion of not just STEM skills but teamwork, entrepreneurship, volunteerism and resourcefulness.

Under strict rules, limited resources, and the guidance of volunteer mentors including teachers, engineers, business professionals, parents, alumni and more, the Wolverines team had just six weeks to build and program their

robot to perform challenging tasks against a field of competitors. They also had to raise funds, design a team "brand," hone teamwork skills, and perform community outreach. In addition to learning valuable STEM and life skills, participants are eligible to apply for millions in college scholarships.

Under the leadership of their advisor, Foshay math teacher, Darryl Newhouse, Team 597 not only built a great robot, competed in local and regional events, raised funds to support their work and the trip to St. Louis, but they also excelled in seeding teams at local elementary schools and giving back to their community in multiple ways.

Just last month, Team 597 had the honor of sending two representatives to the 2016 White House Science Fair, initiated by President Barack Obama six years ago to honor the student winners of a broad range of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) competitions across the country. And last week they returned to St. Louis as reigning champions.

I salute the Wolverines and the parents, teachers, parents, family, friends, organizations, and professionals who support them.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN A.
MARKEY

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of John A. Markey for his service to the City of New Bedford and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as Mayor of New Bedford. I am also proud to commemorate the apt naming of the city-owned plaza on Front Street in the city he served with such dedication.

Jack Markey, as he is known to most, was first elected to serve the citizens of New Bedford as its mayor in 1971. At that time, there was a great need for strong leadership to preserve and restore the rich tapestry of this historic city. Under his eleven-year tenure over six terms, Mayor Markey ushered in essential investment and restoration projects into the Downtown New Bedford Historic District—serving as a critical turning point for New Bedford and for the perception and image of this tourist destination.

Under Mayor Markey's leadership, the City made several forward-thinking investments in community development, including burying utility lines, resurfacing streets with cobblestone, enhancing landscaping and restoring several historic landmarks. Before leaving office to become the Presiding Judge of the New Bedford District Court in 1982, Markey strongly advocated for the establishment of the New Bedford Whaling National Historic Park. It is for these reasons that he is deservedly recognized by having this plaza named after him.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the lifelong service and commitment of John A. "Jack" Markey to the City of New Bedford.

HONORING SCOTT CETOUTE FOR
ACHIEVING PERFECT ATTEND-
ANCE WHILE ENROLLED IN THE
BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOL SYS-
TEM FROM KINDERGARTEN
THROUGH HIS SENIOR YEAR

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to recognize Mr. Scott Cetoute, a student-athlete and soon to be graduate of Plantation High School. Scott was recently honored at the Broward County Public Schools fifth annual Best-in-Class and Perfect Attendance Awards ceremony on Thursday, May 12, 2016, and will be honored again on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at the Broward County School Board Meeting.

The Best-in-Class Award is an accolade presented to students who have been continuously enrolled in Broward County Public Schools from kindergarten through 12th grade, who have perfect attendance. This is a remarkable achievement and it is an immense honor of mine to recognize Scott for his unwavering devotion to education.

Having never missed a single day of school for a total of 2,340 days is no small feat. Furthermore, in a show of appreciation, various community and business partners have joined together to provide Scott and fellow honorees with an assortment of gifts and supplies that will assist them as they continue their journey towards higher education.

Mr. Speaker, I once again want to commend Mr. Scott Cetoute for his dedication and commitment to education. He is a shining example of student success. I wish him all the very best as he begins studying at Broward Community College this summer to earn his Associate Degree, then upon completion he will continue his education further at Florida International University (FIU). Scott has strong aspirations to become a Pharmacist once he completes his education. I know that he will make his community and the state of Florida proud.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR RITA
CATALINA ROSALES GONZALEZ

HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Army Major Rita Catalina Rosales Gonzalez for her extraordinary dedication to duty and service to our nation. Major Rosales has distinguished herself through her service while serving as a Legislative Liaison in the Army's House Liaison Division from June 2015 to April 2016.

A native of Monterrey, México, Major Rosales immigrated to the United States when she was just ten years old. Feeling a call to service, she joined the Army in 2005 and served the first seven years of her career at Fort Bliss in my district of El Paso, Texas. While at Fort Bliss, Major Rosales served as a Patriot Launcher Platoon Leader; a Patriot Fire Control Platoon Leader and Battery Trainer; a Battalion Fire Direction Section Officer-in-